

CLAIMS:

1. A file assembly (10, 100) for keeping personal records, the assembly (10, 100) being characterized in that it includes, in combination:

5 at least one sleeve (12, 102) having opposed operatively front and rear walls (22, 24), the front wall (22) being smaller than the rear wall (24), and the front wall (22) having a periphery along part of which it is secured to the rear wall (24), such that the walls (22, 24) define between them a pocket (38), having a peripheral opening (40), for receipt of personal records;

10 at least one photograph display device (14, 104) for displaying at least one photograph; and

a binder (16) within which each sleeve (12, 102) and each photograph display device (14, 104) are received, the binder (16) having a securing mechanism (17) for releasably securing each sleeve (12, 102) and each photograph display device (14, 15 104) in place therein.

2. An assembly (10, 100) as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the binder (16) includes a planar rectangular front cover (64), a planar rectangular rear cover (66), and a spine (68) interconnecting the front cover (64) and the rear cover (66) and about which spine (68) the binder (16) is foldable book-fashion, the securing mechanism (17) being located between the covers (64, 66) of the binder, each sleeve (12, 102) and each photograph display device (14, 104) being secured between the covers (64, 66) of the binder (16).

3. An assembly (10, 100) as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that the front cover (64), the rear cover (66) and the spine (68) of the binder (16) are of board-like construction, the spine (68) being rectangular and adjacent edges of the spine (68) and of each of the covers (64, 66) defining a pair of fold lines (70, 72) about which the binder (16) is foldable.

4. An assembly (10, 100) as claimed in Claim 3, characterized in that the front cover (64), the rear cover (66) and the spine (68) of the binder (16) are integrally formed, the binder (16) being provided with two laterally spaced substantially parallel grooves extending over at least one face of the binder (16) and defining the spine (68) therebetween, the grooves providing said fold lines (70, 72) about which the binder (16) is foldable.

5. An assembly (10, 100) as claimed in any one of Claims 2 – 4 inclusive, characterized in that the securing mechanism (17) comprises a row of clasps (18) fast with the rear cover (66) adjacent the spine (68) or fast with the spine (68) and spaced in series from each or one another, each sleeve (12, 102) and each photograph display device (14, 104) being provided with a corresponding plurality of openings (50, 62) adjacent edges (42, 63) thereof extending alongside the spine (68), through which openings (50, 62) the clasps (18) are received.

6. An assembly (10, 100) as claimed Claim 5, characterized in that each

sleeve (12, 102) is rectangular in outline, the front wall (22) of the sleeve (12, 102) being spaced outwardly from the edge (42) of the rear wall (24) extending alongside the spine (68), the openings (50, 62) through the sleeve (12, 102) extending only through the rear wall (24) of the sleeve (12, 102), and areas of the rear wall (24) surrounding said
5 openings (50, 62) being reinforced to inhibit initiation or propagation of cracks or tears in the rear wall (24).

7. An assembly (10, 100) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that each sleeve (12, 102) is of unitary construction, being formed from
10 a single sheet of cardboard which is folded over on to itself to define the front wall (22) and the rear wall (24), side edges of the front wall (22) being folded towards each other to define flaps (52, 54) by means of which the side edges of the front wall (22) are secured to the rear wall (24).

15 8. An assembly (10, 100) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that each photograph display device (14, 104) includes at least one rectangular transparent photograph-receiving pocket (60, 86) for receiving photographs or for receiving a sheet (90) on which photographs are mounted.

20 9. An assembly (10, 100) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that each photograph display device (14, 104) and the rear wall (24) of each sleeve (12, 102) are essentially the same shape and size when seen face-on, each photograph display device (14, 104) and the rear wall (24) of each sleeve (12,

102) being smaller in outline than the front cover (64) and the rear cover (66) of the binder (16), such that the front and the rear covers (64, 66) of the binder (16) at free edges thereof overhang each sleeve (12, 102) and overhang each photograph display device (14, 104) received therebetween.

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10. An assembly (10, 100) as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterized in that it includes a plurality of sleeves (12, 102) and a plurality of photograph display devices (14, 104) interleaved between the sleeves (12, 102) to alternate therewith, an operatively rear face (28) of the rear wall (24) of each sleeve (12, 102) providing writing space for receiving written information associated with records kept in the pocket (38) of the sleeve (12, 102).

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11. An assembly (10, 100) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it includes a protective cover (20) within which the binder (16) is received for protecting it, the cover being in the form of a box-shaped sheath.

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